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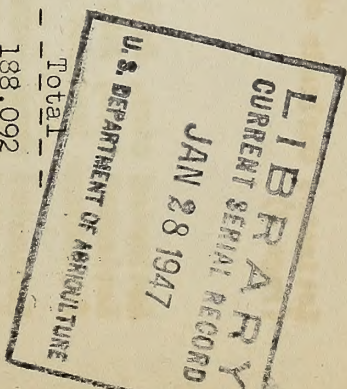


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Production and Marketing Administration

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Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities  
That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars, by Months for 1945, 1946 and 1947 /1

	Beverages /2	Margarine and butterine /3	Fresh fruits & vegetables /4	Meats /5	Butter /3	Cheese /3	Eggs /3	Poultry dressed /3	Canned milk /6	Canned food stuffs /6	Total
Estimated cars, December 1946	22,617	410	76,806	31,579	1,480	1,292	2,923	4,856	4,748	41,381	188,092
Estimated cars, December 1945	23,807	377	74,446	35,338	1,623	1,643	2,669	4,845	4,316	40,570	189,634
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	8.8	3.2	-10.6	-8.8	-21.4	9.5	0.2	10.0	2.0	-0.3
Estimated cars, January 1947	20,801	350	87,450	21,540	2,171	2,692	2,830	2,678	4,277	38,352	183,141
Number cars shipped January 1946	21,221	343	83,902	28,758	1,542	1,819	3,011	2,880	4,364	37,600	185,440
Percentage increase or decrease	-2.0	2.0	4.2	-25.1	40.8	48.0	-6.0	-7.0	-2.0	2.0	-1.2
Estimated cars, February 1947	19,815	347	73,716	29,002	1,822	2,248	2,601	1,506	4,281	36,702	172,040
Number cars shipped February 1946	20,858	274	73,922	28,171	1,294	1,520	2,738	1,585	4,391	35,473	170,226
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	26.6	-0.3	2.9	40.8	47.9	-5.0	-5.0	-2.5	3.5	1.1
Number cars shipped March 1946	20,330	334	86,046	27,758	1,209	1,658	3,464	1,416	5,299	34,116	181,630
Number cars shipped March 1945	21,576	481	83,831	31,224	2,119	1,876	3,946	1,632	5,566	39,018	191,269
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.8	-30.6	2.6	-11.1	-42.9	-11.6	-12.2	-13.2	-4.8	-12.6	-5.0
Estimated cars, April 1946	16,227	500	90,207	24,454	1,572	1,160	3,933	1,107	6,665	28,396	174,221
Estimated cars, April 1945	20,160	562	75,264	25,231	2,110	1,523	3,894	1,059	6,784	27,930	164,517
Percentage increase or decrease	-19.5	-11.0	19.8	-2.7	-25.5	-23.8	1.0	4.5	-1.8	1.7	5.9
Estimated cars, May 1946	17,228	311	87,199	25,423	1,827	1,623	5,150	1,525	8,567	30,133	178,986
Estimated cars, May 1945	20,584	394	81,157	28,687	2,426	1,892	5,202	1,525	9,225	29,114	180,206
Percentage increase or decrease	-16.3	-21.1	7.4	-11.4	-24.7	-14.2	-1.0	0.0	-7.1	3.5	-0.7
Estimated cars, June 1946	16,964	228	90,334	19,577	2,145	2,097	5,669	1,681	8,675	33,960	181,330
Estimated cars, June 1945	19,458	193	79,324	29,501	3,072	1,974	5,441	2,014	9,741	32,654	183,372
Percentage increase or decrease	-12.8	18.1	13.9	-33.6	-30.2	6.2	4.2	-16.5	-10.9	4.0	-1.1





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	/2	/3	/4	/5	/3	/3	/3	/3	/3	/6	-
Estimated cars, July 1946	19,349	427	85,268	39,760	2,556	1,867	4,591	2,147	6,612	34,684	197,261
Estimated cars, July 1945	20,625	389	79,383	32,357	3,138	2,134	5,013	2,147	8,809	32,876	186,871
Percentage increase or decrease	-6.2	9.8	7.4	22.9	-18.5	-12.5	-8.4	0.0	-24.9	5.5	5.6
Estimated cars, August 1946	20,923	522	72,670	31,258	2,386	2,118	4,282	2,423	5,516	35,660	177,758
Estimated cars, August 1945	21,982	551	72,111	31,449	2,763	2,540	4,649	2,347	7,354	33,484	179,230
Percentage increase or decrease	-4.8	-5.3	0.8	-0.6	-13.6	-16.6	-7.9	3.2	-25.0	6.5	-0.8
Estimated cars, September 1946	22,989	380	79,087	19,508	1,967	2,054	3,664	2,700	4,370	39,841	176,560
Estimated cars, September 1945	21,492	380	86,920	29,247	1,880	2,542	3,843	2,635	5,824	36,186	190,949
Percentage increase or decrease	7.0	0.0	-9.9	-33.3	4.6	-19.2	-4.7	2.5	-25.0	10.1	-7.5
Estimated cars, October 1946	25,666	641	90,200	30,997	1,385	2,552	4,303	3,747	3,731	43,953	207,175
Estimated cars, October 1945	24,334	590	100,744	30,201	1,635	1,860	3,485	3,569	4,664	42,952	214,034
Percentage increase or decrease	5.5	8.6	-10.5	2.6	-15.3	37.2	23.5	5.0	-20.0	2.3	-3.2
Estimated cars, November 1946	21,945	424	75,798	29,144	1,675	2,011	4,505	5,182	5,250	45,800	191,734
Estimated cars, November 1945	23,100	390	81,625	35,668	1,695	2,063	3,165	4,959	4,419	44,200	201,284
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	8.7	-7.1	-18.3	-1.2	-2.5	42.3	4.5	15.8	3.6	-4.7

/1 For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.

/2 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for March 1945 and for January, February, and March 1946.

/3 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated are used in March 1945 and in January, February and March 1946.

/4 Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration. October, November, December 1946, January and February 1947 are estimates; all other figures are actual shipments. Approximately 1.5% of all fresh fruits and vegetables are frozen; frozen foods and watermelons not included in these shipments.

/5 In March 1945 and January, February and March 1946 this figure is the sum of ICC classification 210, 220 and 222 carloads originated less canned meats. The other 9 months of 1945, 9 months of 1946 and January and February 1947 are estimates on the same basis.

/6 In March 1945 and January, February and March 1946 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk. The other 9 months of 1945, 9 months of 1946 and January and February 1947 are estimates of the same movement.